

SENATE RESOLUTION 164

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Thomas E. and Judith L. Schmitt on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 13, 1959, Tom Schmitt and Judy Mills were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schmitt was born on August 6, 1936, to Theodore and Florine Schmitt in Atchison, Kansas; he is the brother of Don, David, and Darrell Schmitt; and

WHEREAS, Judith L. Mills was born on November 2, 1939, to Charles and Helen Mills in Topeka, Kansas; she is the sister of Marti Sheperd and Mark Mills; and

WHEREAS, the two were not acquainted until September of 1957, when they met as college students at the Alpha Phi House at Washburn University in Topeka; and

WHEREAS, during their fifty years of marriage, the Schmitts have lived in nine different states, including Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee; in 1995, they settled in Mount Juliet, where they have become active members of their community; and

WHEREAS, a couple with a deeply rooted faith in God, the Schmitts are active members of the Celebration Lutheran Church in Mount Juliet; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Judy Schmitt are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the Schmitts are the proud and loving parents of five children and their spouses, Steve and Lisa Schmitt, Craig and Lanie Schmitt, Jon and Heather Schmitt, Tim and Allison Dickens, and Brad and Joyce Schmitt; and

WHEREAS, they are also the grandparents of eleven grandchildren: Katie, TJ, Michael, Vicki, Maelissa, Kyle, Cody, Loren, Dakota, JC, and Andy, each of whom adds immense joy to their lives; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Schmitts' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Thomas E. and Judith L. Schmitt on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and offer our best wishes for their every continued success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.